

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1225

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

SCHOOLS: Provides relative to BESE standards for approving alternative schools and alternative education programs for students suspended or expelled from public K-12 schools

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:7(29), to provide relative to approval by the State Board of Elementary and  
3 Secondary Education of certain alternative schools and alternative education  
4 programs; to provide for a report to the House Committee on Education and the  
5 Senate Committee on Education by not later than September 15, 2010, relative to  
6 specific standards and criteria used by the board to approve schools; to provide  
7 guidelines for such report; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related  
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:7(29) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §7. Duties, functions, and responsibilities of board

12 In addition to the authorities granted by R.S. 17:6 and any powers, duties, and  
13 responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall:

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15 (29)(a) Report in writing to the House Committee on Education and the  
16 Senate Committee on Education by not later than September 15, 2010, relative to the  
17 standards and criteria used by the board to approve alternative schools and  
18 alternative education programs for students in public elementary and secondary  
19 schools who are suspended for more than ten days or who are expelled from school

1        for violations of school discipline law or policy and who remain under the  
2        supervision of the city, parish, or other local public school taking the action. The  
3        report shall specify in detail all minimum standards and criteria that must be met in  
4        order for the board to approve the alternative school or program and note standards  
5        and criteria that are subject to waiver by the board in making approval  
6        determinations.

7        Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
8        signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
9        by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
10       vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
11       effective on the day following such approval.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires BESE to report in writing to the legislative education committees relative to standards and criteria used by the board to approve alternative schools and education programs for k-12 students suspended or expelled from school by a local school board. Provides guidelines for such report.

Proposed law requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to report in writing to the legislative education committees by not later than Sept. 15, 2010, relative to the standards and criteria used by the board to approve alternative schools and alternative education programs for students in public K-12 schools who are suspended for more than 10 days or who are expelled from school and who remain under the supervision of the local school board.

Requires the report to specify in detail all minimum standards and criteria that must be met in order for the board to approve the alternative school or education program and note standards and criteria that are subject to waiver by BESE in making approval determinations.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:7(29))